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Letter No. C.C. 12/37-38 dated 26th January 1938 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, requesting sanction of Government for the prosecution of Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddi under Section 124 A. of the Indian Penal Code.

Forwarded with compliments to the Government Advocate in Mysore, for favour of opinion.

Chief Secretary to Government.

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This file was kept by William Leadbeater to G. A. as instructed by the Chief Secy. In view of recent orders there is no need to take any action on this file. This may be recorded

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
KOLAR DISTRICT,

Dated Kolar, the 26th January 1938.

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DEWAN'S OFFICE
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OFFICE OF
SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.
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Dear Sir,

I enclose herein, for the kind perusal of Government, copies of speeches made by Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddy in this District and elsewhere. These copies had been sent to the Public Prosecutor for opinion as to whether action could be taken against him under Sec. 108 Criminal Procedure Code. The Public Prosecutor has written to say that it is preferable to take action under Section 124-A. Indian Penal Code instead of under Sec. 108 Cr. P.C. as the speeches are all undoubtedly seditious in their nature. A copy of the letter from the Public Prosecutor is also enclosed for perusal. Sanction may kindly be accorded for the prosecution of Mr. K.Chengalaraya Reddy under Sec.124 A. I.P.C. after consulting, if necessary, the Government Advocate in the matter. Mr. H. K. Veerabasavaiya, First Magistrate, Kolar may be empowered to try the case, if prosecution is authorised.

For perusal in the first instance. The Govt. Advocate may be consulted.
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Yours sincerely,

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G. A. may be consulted.
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To

B. T. KESAVAIENGAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

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Confidential D.O. letter dated 1st January 1938 from the Public Prosecutor, Bangalore Division, Bangalore, to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

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In continuation of my letter of yesterday and in reply to your D.O.No:C.C.12/37-38 I have since perused all the papers.

In my opinion action can be taken against Mr. Chengalaraya Reddy under Sec.124 A. I.P.C. in preference to action under 108 Cr.P.C. The latter section is intended to prevent the dissemination of seditious matter. It is a preventive section and as such the evidence will be subjected to greater scrutiny in the Courts. To start proceedings under the section there ought to be evidence that if not prevented the accused would continue to act in the way he had done, or in other words it must be shown that unless prevented from doing so under the section, the accused will disseminate seditious matter.

The last speech was delivered only on the 24th and 27th November and it will be difficult to prove that unless prevented he will disseminate seditious speeches.

Since the speeches are all undoubtedly seditious he can be prosecuted for an offence in respect of one speech, the others being used under Sec.14 and 15 of the Evidence Act. The papers are being sent separately by Registered Post.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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The resolution passed by the Mysore Congress Board on the 10th November 1937 at Ranibannur. Shree Changalaraya Reddi presided.

The Mysore Congress Board views with grace concern the wide spread and intensive repression of civil liberties and frequent ingringement of the fundamental rights of citizenship by the Goverr ment of Mysore with the definite object of placing obstacles to the normal activities of the congress that are being carried on in a peaceful and constitutional manner and draws attention in particula to the issue of a number of orders from time to time under various sections of Mysore Police Regulation and Cr. P. Code., prohibiting various persons, members of the Representative Assembly, Legislati Council, the Bar etc., from speaking and banning of the holding of meetings; the withdrawal of permission to edit, print and publis news papers (Janavani and Prajamata) under Executive orders without assigning any reasons therefor; demanding of security for good behaviour from public workers and the launching of prosecutions agair them on charges of sedition; indiscreetly provocating peaceful citizens and having recourse to the extreme step of firing by Polic without even magisterial permission; arresting congress leaders and volunteers and others who exercised their utmost to establish a peaceful atmosphere; deporting persons who are loyal subjects of His Highnes from the State under Executive orders; indiscriminate search of the Congress office, seizure of all files and correspondence threatening and terrorising people who have orintended to become congress members by various coercive administrative action; preventing the formation of congress committees; preventing the exercise of the constitutional rights of members of Representative Assembly by arresting them on the eve of the Assembly Sessions; ignoring the rules and Standing orders of constitutional bodies and infringing the rights of members thereof by the arbitarary exercise of executive power; insulting the National flag by preventing its being flown at various places on the pretext that it is intende to be done in a spirit of hostility to the Sovereignity of Mysore in contravention of and opposed to assurances given by the Dewan in his speeches to the Representative Assembly, and the adopting o various other methods resulting in serious inroads on the civil

liberties of the people.

This Board emphatically declares that all the above lead to the only conclusion that the Government are deliberately pursing a policy of repression in spite of the declaration to the contrary and calls upon the people to resist the above policy of repression and carry on with even greater vigour all the activities of the congress in a peaceful and constitutional manner.

This Board regrets that all attempts on their behalf for an honourable reappraochment have not met with satisfactory response from the Government and resolvesthat if the Government does not show a change of heart permission be granted to congressmen to disobey whenever and wherever found inevitable, prohibitory orders suppressing the Civil liberties and obstructing the congress work and -- directs that the above said mode of action should commence from - 22nd November 1937.

(Camp) Ranebinnur.

K. CHANGALARAYA REDDI.

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THE MYSORE CONGRESS BOARD.

Dear Friend,

Enclosed you will find a copy of the resolution passed at the meeting of the congress Board and invitees held at Ranebinnur on 10-11-1937. I want you to understand the great importance and the grave implications underlying these resolutions. This marks the first departure from the usual and what may be termed "The Parliamentary" agitation to protect our rights. This is the first time in the history of Mysore that the Congress Board has decided to take up this attitude of resistance to safe guard the right of agitation for our rights. The present development in Mysore, the whole hearted and wide sympathy and support that has been given expression to by the resolutions of the A.I.C.C. and K.P.C.C. and other organisations all over India, while heartening us, increase our responsibilities in the conduct of our struggle. You may rest assured that the congress Board, friends and myself have fully and carefully considered the matter in all its aspects and bearings before advising the country to take up such a grave step. After such careful consideration, and after having exhausted all other ways from honourable settlement, we have come to the irrefutable conclusion that the only honourable way left open for us to stem this inroad of autocracy on our rights is to resist the same - firstly, with individual strength and latterly with all collective strength, if need be. There is no other way.

Having said this, may I not expect every one of you, to rise to the occasion as one man, girdle up your loins, take - courage into your hands and face the situation clearly as behoves every man, whose heart throbs with the love of his country and who cannot stand the insults being heaped upon his countrymen, some of whom are already behind the prison bars-any longer.

Sure in the name of Bharat Mata, in the name of Poojya Mahatmaji, our Guru and great exponent of Truth and non-violence fail you will not, to respond to the call of the country and - service.

I remain, yours in service,

K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.

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Report of a public meeting held in the Victoria Field near the Bus Stand in Kolar Town on 21st November 1937 at 6 P.M.

In the presence of a gathering of about 250 persons the function started with the singing of national songs by two young girls.

Mr. T. Srinivasachar, Pleader, Kolar introduced the speaker Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddy.

Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddy spoke as follows:-
Brothers & Sisters:-

I never expected that I would deliver this speech in Kolar to-day as I was afraid that I would not for reasons obvious be able to do it, but I have been given the opportunity by God's grace to do so and I thank God. I may kindly be excused for having disappointed you all day before yesterday. On that day I went to the Central Jail, Bangalore to meet my friend Mr. K.T. Bhashyam. But after waiting there for one hour and a half I was not denied the audience. I had to go to Mysore urgently on a call and hence my disappointment to you. Hence I pray excuse. As Mr. Srinivasachar stated I am not a new man to Kolar District. I was born and brought up in Kolar District. I am glad that the people of Kolar love me and I am thankful to them for this. This evening I came to Kolar to speak on behalf of the Congress movement and I am doing some congress work in Mysore and outside. But my love is towards Kolar and I want to serve them. Kolar is now the last in congress activities and I have undertaken to make it one of the foremost in the Congress work. The duty of supporting my promise lies in the people of Kolar. When I was outside Kolar and when there were none to preach congress activities here, Mr. K. Pattabhiraman, Srinivasachar, Srinivasa Ramachar and others who were active during this period are to be thanked and their work is indicated by to-day's gathering here. This is my first speech in Kolar and hence it is bound to be a bit too long.

The present political situation of Mysore is known to you all by reading newspapers and otherwise and those who are not able to read by hearing to the people who have read them. I will briefly place before you the nature and aim of the Congress. It is to help the poor. In British India for this purpose for the last 50 years people have been struggling to establish the Congress rule. It has been accepted both by the Government and the people that the ryot is the back-bone of India. Government gets its major portion of the revenue from these poor ryots. The taxation on them at present is too high and its reduction is the main purpose. Cesses like the Educational, the Railway, the Local and other cesses make the taxation exhorbitant.

Prohibition of liquors is also one of the aims of the congress. Drink is the worst evil and drains the poor man even of his scanty earnings. This evil is to be eradicated.

More than 92 per cent of the masses are illiterate and educating them would also be one of the aims. Removal of poverty and helping the poor would be the essential basis of the congress. Beautifying the cities, towns and villages though not absolutely unessential is not to be carried on to the detriment of the poor villagers. Earnings of an average Indian is 0-1-7 to two annas and this shows the poverty - striken state of our country and in such a place instead of carrying on the Government with the minimum essential cost thousands and hundreds of rupees are paid to the officers. In Japan and other countries the Government officers are paid very little. This has been now adopted in British India also Gandhi, Pandit Javaharlal Nehru and others were responsible for the establishment of this type of Government in British India. This type started about 7 months ago. It is our aim to start this type of Government in Mysore State also. The Representative Assembly and Legislative Council were representative of the people and we thought that by voicing

our needs through them our demands would be granted. We prayed, demanded and begged for the last so many days and the results were not satisfactory. Hence we have no confidence in such Assemblies. Just as they in British India by struggling, established the congress Government so also must we struggle here and establish our right.

We see that in Britain there drinking has been prohibited and that the pay of the officials is cut down. If we also want these things we must establish a congress Government. So long we were being duped by the Government who gave evasive replies to our queries. Kamalabai Chattopadhyaya wanted that congress members should be in the Assemblies. She was gagged. Similarly Mr. K. T. Bhashyam who wanted to prohibit drinking was also gagged. We have got many similar instances of banning and gagging on record. The Government of late does not even give the reasons for their actions but simply threaten us by quoting Sections after sections. ~~Xkx~~ (Viz: 36 Police Regulation, 44 Police Regulation, 144 Cr. Pro. Code, 107, 108, 124 A etc., of the Indian Penal Code). The newspaper Janavani was stopped. Gupta was sent out of Mysore State without assigning any reasons. These highhanded actions are unpalatable. Thimma Reddi was convicted of sedition. Siddalingaiah was bound over for good behaviour. There are the efforts on the part of the Government to weed out the congress activities. Though the Government promises on paper not to interfere with the normal activities of the congress intrigues through its officials to put down all the activities on the part of the congress by instilling fear into the hearts of those who want to join it. Congress which was built by men like Gandhi, Nehru, Dass and others must be established. The Government wants to trample this down by ~~kkbalike~~. I question whether this is right on the part of the Government. My heart though I am here flies off to the Central Jail, in Gandhinagar to my friends who have been mercilessly imprisoned

therein. Is this right? Those friends of mine who only wanted more freedom for the ryots were taken to be traitors. Was this sedition? and is it right that they should be cast in Jail for 21 months. In Rama Rajya the evil of drink should be removed. Mr. K. T. Bhashyam who stated this was put in Jail for 21 months. Is this justice? They wanted that more education should be imparted to the villagers and this was taken to be sedition. They wanted that the top heavy system of the Government should go and that the pay of the officials should be cut. This was taken to be sedition. Their love of the country and their countrymen was dubbed seditious and they were cast in Jail. Is this not injustice? When congress wants to enlighten and open the eyes of the public the Government putsit down. Is this right and what are the reasons. The Government thought that by arresting K. T. Bhashyam on the night of the 15th and carrying him away they instill fear into us. No. They have failed. It is a known fact that as the Government becomes more and more high handed it would make the ruled the bolder and bolder. The Government may state and ask us not to fight in the name of the congress but ask us to fight with them independently and come to a settlement But we should understand that though we are Mysoreans we are not distinct and different from the Indians as a whole. -- Mahatma Gandhi was born in Kathewar but he worked in British India for the whole of India. So also did Satyamurthi. Our Dewan - Sir Mirza Ismail was born in Persia but he is ruling Mysore and that the other members Mr. Rajagopalachari was born in Trichi and carrying on the administration and Mr. Madhava Rao who was born in Andhra is carrying on the administration in Mysore. So there should not be the feeling of the outsider and the insider. The Mysore Government is getting men from outside on gala occasions like Dasara and Vardhanti and by treating them as guests is getting herself widely advertised.

If the Government wants outside help to support it we also want outsiders to help us. It is not our aim to spoil the fair name of Mysore Government. Both sides of the picture are to be seen. When the Government says you must not get outsiders and work for congress, there is something in it. We must act against it and get outside help and work under the congress. I have just now travelled outside the State and I know the sympathy we have got from the Karnatakas, and they are condemning the present action of the Government. In Hubli and Dharwar also the action was condemned. In Calcutta the provincial congress members have encouraged us. We can expect help from all of them. Our struggle is viewed by them all not as a struggle of the Mysoreans but as a struggle of the Indians as a whole and our success would mean their success also. The congress Government in British India and the introduction of Federation just now is to be watched. Gandhiji's statement has been misunderstood and misinterpreted by many. He has not condemned the action of the congress but has called it a bit hasty and he has not supported the Government and stated that their action is correct. Gandhi who recruited men for the Imperial troops in the Boer War and in the 1914 War turned against the same Government and shok it and established congress Governments. Surely Gandhi has not taken the sides of the Government and is sure to support us. We the congress members did not immediately write to him regarding the affairs in Mysore. This was our mistake and before he made the statement things were not properly represented to him. I have myself written to Mr. Gandhi regarding the state in Mysore. We have now started to enroll members to the congress and I hear that the Government is sending its officials to villages even before us asking the villagers not to enlist themselves, misrepresenting the congress. I am glad of this move since the Government is itself doing the groundwork for us and telling the villager

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that there is a body like the congress. When they realise the true aim and object of this body they are sure to join it. They have gone even to the extent of printing copies of Gandhi's statement and distributing it. Why are K. T. Bhashyam and others in Jail and why are we working day and night and taking all the trouble? It is only to see the happiness and welfare of the people and yet we are taken as traitors and agitators. We are not traitors and agitators but we are the loyal and wont stand being called traitors by paid officials of the Government who do their work for the wages they receive. We only want to place the things as they are before His Highness the Maharaja and get redress. I am given to understand that His Highness will visit Kolar in about 15 days and we will show our loyalty by assembling in large numbers. If our land is to be happy popular men must be elected and responsible Government established. These popular men will voice the ideas of the men at large before His Highness and after consultation do the needful. It is only to establish such a responsible Government that we are struggling. In that Government, the evil of drinking and heavy taxation and high salaries will vanish. In the vast British Indian Congress ministry and able ministers with heavy work take only a pay of Rs.500/- per mensem and Mahatma Gandhi has stated that this is too much and that they should receive only Rs.75/- per mensem. But in our Mysore Government pay of Rs.5,000/-, 3,000, 2,000 — etc. are paid. Is this justifiable? In the new responsible Government that is to be established the high salaries will vanish and men who love work will be posted therein, and even we are prepared to work with provisions sufficient to maintain ourselves. On the 14th our suggestion against the babbalike we organised a hartal. The Government asked the public through its officials not to observe hartal. The response to our appeal was satisfactory.

and this has served us as an eye opener to the Government and the public alike. We must show that we deserve what we ask for and we will show our deservingness by our fearless-behaviour. In British India even inspite of lathi charges they worked and their demand was granted. So also should we work and realise our aim. Let Lawyers and merchants and all fearless of consequences come forth and help our move in kind, coin and body or at least by wearing a Gandhi cap. - Gandhi cap in this connection I can state stands as a symbol of congress activities and the purchase of a cap helps the poor to a certain extent. Some day or other we must die but before we die let us be brave. serve the public and then die. Individual difficulties in the execution of this work may result in difficulties and bereavements for their children and wives but this will be the laying the foundation for a eternal freedom and liberty to ones grand-children. Hence let one and all join in the struggle. The recent move is not a move by K. T. Bhashyam or Reddy or any body else. It is God's move. In Bhagavad Gita it is stated that God comes down for the establishment of right. About three months ago I was contemplating of going out of the congress field but as God would have it I ultimately declared that all the members of the Assembly should be congress members. The arrest of Mr. K. T. Bhashyam on the night of the 15th ~~night~~ acted as an impetus to congress work. The move of the congress and the counter-move by the Government is also God's will. Tyranny as per history is the sure sign of the incoming freedom and liberty. We are sure of gaining liberty and I appeal for help. Our present work is the work of Dharma and hence let us work in honest, non-violent ways. Let us not hate the Government officials who are also the sons of the soil. They are only doing what they think to be their duty. Let there be no misunderstanding between us. This is only a matter of difference

of opinion. Let each act as he thinks fit and leave alone the result to God. It is my ambition to hold more meetings in Kolar District but God only knows what will happen and in which minute. Let us all be prepared and do the work of Dharma. If you men are afraid and shirk back as cowards the women are sure to rise up, come forward and take up to action. Their tears will surely bring us success. It is the fearlessness of the women that established congress regime in British India. Thimma Reddi's wife, Davangere Siddamma, Thayamma, wife of Veeranna Gowda and others have already come forward, starting the work. But I think there will not be any need for the women to come out. Their tears when we are suffering in Jails are sure to do the needful. So dont be afraid. But work with courage. Even now let the Government release the prisoners and establish a responsible Government. There won't be any room for any trouble. But it is fated that there should be trouble God will make the Government harder and us more and more fearless. At that time of the struggle let all be prepared and bold. I pray that such things may not happen. I hope His Highness will not give room for it. Never be violent. The present move is to establish a responsible Government and its establishment is sure to bring fame to the Government and happiness to the people. This is not an intercommunal or inter caste struggle. So let one and all Hindus and Muslims alike join in it and unitedly struggle for the realisation of our object. I hope there will be success, success, and success.

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Mr. Kottaguniraman then thanked the audience, the ~~xxx~~ speaker and then also Mr. Srinivasachar and stated that the men of Kolar would bear the banners of congress in a fitting manner and not betry the faith which Mr. Reddy has placed in them. He then stated that money was an essential requisite

for congress work and passed round a charity box. The meeting terminated.

Mrs. Garojamma Changalaraya Reddi, Mrs. Subbalakshmma C/o Bank Manager, Mr. Kalappa's ladies and three or four -- other ladies attended the meeting.

Among the men, Talagavara Venkatarayappa, Singing Master Krishnamurthi and M.C.Ramachar took prominent part.

A few lawyers and merchants, some students and others of Kolar town had also assembled.

Special Daily report No: 1 dated 23rd November 1937 from the Special Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Fields, to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

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I have the honor to state that a public meeting was held in Bowringpet Town at 6.30 P.M. yesterday evening, under the chairmanship of Mr. Hanumantha Rao of Bowringpet. Mr. Changalaraya Reddy who arrived from Kolar yesterday evening, accompanied by Messrs: Pattabiraman and Ramachar of Kolar delivered a speech on the occasion.

Mr. Ballam Srinivasa Rao, a member of the Representative Assembly introduced Mr. Changalaraya Reddi and referred to his selfless and active work in the cause of the people.

Mr. Chengalaraya Reddi regretted the inconvenience to the audience caused by his late arrival. He said that this was due to the fact that he had to address meetings at several places. He was aware that Government were making a move to take drastic action against him, but he was not afraid of it. He intended to confine his speech to the following: (1) Responsible Government under the aegis of His Highness the Maharaja, (2) Taxation, (3) Prohibition, (4) Rural uplift, (5) Education, (6) Costliness of the Government machinery and (7) Immediate release of the congress workers who are in jail for no fault of theirs.

He traced the history of the congress movement which had grown into a mass movement with Swaraj as its goal. He referred to the fact that Congress was in power in six provinces in British India and that in the course of a few months, the congress ministeries had boldly tackled important matters, such as, Prohibition, Education, Relief to indebted ryots. The Primier of Madras had taken a very bold step in introducing prohibition in Salem District but in Mysore the poor people were encouraged to drink.

In Mysore various cesses and taxes are being levied from the poor ryots. The amount so collected was utilised for the upkee of the costly machinery of Government and for beautifying the towns of Bangalore and Mysore, without affording any relief to the poor ryots. The congress party in power in British India realising the actual state of the ryot had accepted Rs.500 per month. Mr. Gandhi is not satisfied with this amount and considers that Rs.75/- a mont

would be ample. In Mysore the incessant prayers of the elected representatives of the people to the Government to cut down salaries and utilise the more of their resources for the benefit of the -- ryots had fallen on unheeding ears.

Taking the great work done by the congress Government in British India, as an example, the Mysore Congress workers approached Government to afford them relief on the lines adopted in British India. Such prayers have been looked upon as disloyal acts and sedition and persons who have given expressions to these views have been treated as seidition-mongers and clapped in jail. He referred to the walk-out in the last assembly and the treatment of Mr. Rangaramiah by the Dewan as an example of the attitude towards Congress workers. In addition, people like Messrs: Siddalingiah Thimma Reddy, K. T. Bhashyam etc., had been sent to different jails in the State to make them feel their loneliness.

The repressive policy of Government during the last few months was most provoking and was a direct attempt to stifle the Congress movement. He said that such repressive measures would only result in strengthening the Congress movement in the State and that the continuance of this repressive policy would lead to trouble and spoil their fair name of the Mysore State.

He next attended to the recent pronouncement of Government that it had no objection to the normal activities of the congress in the State. In spite of an assurance of this nature, Government was resorting to Sections 107, 108, 144 Cr.P.C. 124-A. I.P.C. and pin pricks such as 39, 45, 46 of the Mysore Police Regulation. Freedom of speech and the press were being curtailed as instanced by the deportation of an editor of a paper and the withdrawal of permission to publish two news papers.

He referred to the fact that his action in attending the Karnataka and the All India Congress Committee deliberations and bringing to the notice of these bodies, the repressive policy of Government was condemned on the ground that he had attempted to invite outside aid in a purely domestic quarrel. He said that the

congress creed being the same all over, whether in Mysore or in British India, he had obtained the opinions of these bodies without betraying the fair name of Mysore. He observed that some interested persons are trying to make much of the opinion given by Mr. Gandi, that the resolution of the All India Congress Committee in regard to Mysore was ultra vires. He had information that the Government of Mysore had lent its support to the publication of the photo of Mr. Gandhi with the text of his opinion, on hand bills evidently to give people the impression that the work of the congress party in Mysore was questionable. He said that he had wired to Pandit Jawarlal Nehru and others on the subject and he was sure thatthough Mr.Gandhi was ill he would soon clarify the impression conveyed by his opinion on the resolution of the All India Congress Committee.

The case of the people of Mysore was not different to that of the people in British India. The time had come when all persons from Rajas down to ryots had to seek salvation in the National congress and obtain Swaraj. He appealed to all who had assembled there to join congress and lend their whole-hearted support to it. Finally he referred to Federation which was -- evidently a clever wedge devised by British Politicians, between congress and the native states in furtherance of their policy of divide and rule.

Mr. Hanumantha Rao commended the speech of Mr.Changalaraya Reddi to the audience and requested the audience to co-operate in establishing a local branch of the congress offic

The meeting terminated with three cheers to His Highness the Maharaja.

Mr. Chengalaraya Reddy left Bowringpet to Kyasamballi via; Robertsonpet where he stayed the night with his brother Venkatarama Reddi. On his way to Kyasamballi he visited ----- Mr. Raghava Reddi, Lawyer, Robertsonpet and was with him for about 20 minutes.

It is learnt that Mr. Changalaraya Reddi is going to Mulbagal to-day and is likely to address a meeting at Sundarapalya.

Necessary arrangements have been made.

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Copy of Special Daily report No: 2 dated 24th November1937 from the Special Superintendent of Police, K.G.F., to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar.

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I have the honor to state that Mr. Changalaraya Reddy, accompanied by Gannarahalli Rama Reddy arrived at Sundarapalya at 10.5 A.M. on 23-11-37 and made a speech in Telugu at the village chavadi to an audience of about 25 persons.

He said, he had come to tell them of the Congress and its principles. Patriots like Mr. Bhashyam and others were imprisoned for sedition, because they spoke of the grievances of the ryots and pleaded for their redress and for the grant of responsible Government. They were not criminals and they pleaded for better education, medical relief and a reduction in the high salaries paid to officers and to lessen the burden of taxation. He reminded the audience that he might be arrested any moment, but the people should boldly follow the congress creed inspite of all obstacles in their way. He wanted the audience to always bear in mind the word "Congress", just as Prahalada, unmindful of the torturous treatment of his father, never gave up repeating the name "Hari". The public and village servants like Patel and shanbhogs, if questioned by officers should boldly tell them that there was nothing wrong with the congress or its creed and he exhorted them to enroll as congress members from 1st January. He mentioned how the Police in British India, who ill-treated with latti charges the present congress ministers in their struggle for freedom, were now ready to carry out their behests. He mentioned how the people elected him to a minor position in Bowringpet Taluk, thence to the position of the President of the District Board and now they have elevated him to the position of a Congress President. He told the audience that the propaganda carried out through Shekdars ~~and~~ Mahatma Gandhi did not agree with the congress views regarding Mysore State was false. He expressed his gratification andpleasure in addressing the meeting at Sundarapalya, though there were only about 25 persons present and said that in addressing this meeting he had obtained more satisfaction than when he addressed larger audiences elsewhere as he was a native of Sundarapalya Hobli.

The Village Panchayet Chairman Venkatarama requested

Mr. Chengalaraya Reddy to pay another visit and guide them and regretted that due to late intimation of his lecture, sufficient people could not be mustered.

Mr. Chengalaraya Reddy left for Mulbagal via. Tayalur.

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Report No.C.C.437/24-11-1937, from the Inspector of Police Chintamani Mulbagal taluk.

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Beg to report that today at 6 P.M. a large congregation to the extent of 1000 people was held, in the High School Maidan of this Town and congrigation mostly consisting of School boys and Youngsters. The influential persons of this town are Messrs(1) Ramasesha Sastry (2) Nama Ramaswami Setty(3)Nama Naraniah Setty (4)Muniswamappa(5) N.R.Chandraiah(6)C.Venkatarayappa, that were gathered along with others. The meeting was organised by Messrs. T.Venkatarayappa, Gopalakrishnaiah Setty, and Ramasesha Sastry as published through the hand bills, copy of which is herein enclosed, and the meeting was presided over by Mr.Ramasesha Sastry, of this town.

Messrs.T.Ramachar, Pattabhiramiah (Lawyers of Kolar)K.Changalarayareddi, District Board President, K.Krishna Sastry of Muragamalla, Mokathyar Ramappa of Sreenivasapur T.Venkatarayappa of Talagawar and C.Channaveerabhadrappa, delivered speeches one after another in Kannada and Telugu.

1. Mr.T.Ramachar, spoke that Khadder was better than foreign or Mill cloth and next time he would like to see all the persons gathered on the meeting would put on Khadder only.

2. Mr.Pattabhiraman spoke that people should adhere to truth and nonviolence, that His Highness gave hopes in the year 1923 on a certain occasion that all the representations made by the people would be duly and favourably considered and the representative members of the Assembly and Council put forth their representations repeatedly, during these 14 years and that none of the poeple's aspirations is granted, that on a certain occasion about 2 years ago at Manchenahally in Goribidnur taluk, the Dewan Sir Mirza Ismail, C.I.E.,expressed that Mr.K.Changalaraya Reddi, District Board President, wa a real and sincere public worker, that the same Mr.Changalarayareddi is not held in the same estimation at present by the Dewan and that but Mr.Changalarayareddi continued to work in the same condition and there is no change in him etc.

2. Mr. K.Changalarayareddi spoke that just as the Dewan Saheb expressed in the recent Mysore Assembly that the Indian National

Congress is a great National organisation and the objects, aspirations of that organisation are sound, that the same Dewan does not want the subjects of Mysore to put forth their grievences just as the people of British India put forth their grievences to attain Sorajya and struggled with men and children under latti charges and repressive orders. The efforts and representations made by the representatives of the people's of Mysore in the Assembly and Council to get the revenue reduced to the rates of the boardening British India and to abolish Excise shops which are the sources of sins committed by drunkards and which are absorbing the earnings of such drunkards with their wives and childrens starve and also to reduce the salaries of Officers, are not at all considered by the Government. Cities like Bangalore and Mysore are consuming lot of ryots' money for beautification and illuminations of circles, gardens and large buildings and villages where there are no wells, schools and hospitals are completely neglected and the money collected from their villages is spent on the improvements of cities.

He further stated that he would ask the audiance to say whether it would be a sedition if these grievences are spoken off, and that his friends Messrs. K.T.Bhasham, Thimmareddi, T.Siddalingaiah, Seetharamasastry, and Ramachandra Rao who spoke on these matters are in Jail to day. Next he said that Government are advising the people not to join congress but people should not listen to them, when the representations of the people were not favourably considered by the Government and when the peoples representatives were not heard sympathitically in the Assembly and Council. The Congress leaders of the State wanted to organise people just as the leaders an organised the people in British India and through the people only they want their grievences to be redressed by such congress organisations throughout the State. Further he went on stating that he had been to Calcatta, Madras, Belgaum and Dhawar,. the political matters of the Mysore before the All India Congress Committee and before the provincial congress committees of the adjoining British terroteries and he had full support in the all India Congress committee and in the Provincial Congress Committees as well, and the leaders of the national congress organisation have got sympathy towards the people of Mysore as well as the people of other states

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and they were glad that Mysore took lead, under the Congress flag first, among the native States, that people are under mistaken notion about Gandhiji's opinion given on the acceptance of a resolution regarding the Political conditions of Mysore in the All India Congress Committee held recently at Culcatta, and that it is gratifyin to note that Government of Mysore have published the translation of Gandijies article referred to above, and are distributing the hand bills or pamphlets among the people through their Amildars and Revenue Inspectors, when the Mysore Congress associations are badly in need of money to spread this congress propoganda and that thereby the Government are preaching to the people that there is this great Nation organisation headed by Gandhiji and that Peop-le themselves should consider individually whether he or she should join the congress or no. He also said that he expected to be arrested after the 27th of last month and he expressed it before the members of the District Board when they had gathered at Goribidnur on the above date, that some how he was spared. He also expected to be arrested when he returned from Madras recently on 14th. He further went on saying that People of Kolar District have brought him up and he owes his existance to the people of this District. In case he would be sent to Jail, the people should not take to violence and give up truth but he wanted the people of the District to keep at least his name in the corners of their hearts along with the other aspirations of the people and should not stop their work regarding the achievement of their objects, and he prayed for the blessings of the people and God to achieve the aspirations of People.

Continuing he said that they have no ill-will towards Police, Government officials or any individual, because all these are ~~own~~ own men and they are doing their own duties, as they thought fit for the occasion. Their grievances are general, such as 1. Burden of the poor and half starved ~~ryots~~ ryots on account of the heavy taxes they are now paying. 2. To minimise the pay that is being paid to the officials. 3. To give responsible Government that works according to the wishes of the Public just as Congress ministory Government has been ~~ished~~ established in 7 British Provinces. He also stated that the Government have ~~not~~ separated the leaders that were undergoing imprisonment at

Bangalore Central Jail to Shimoga, Hassan and Mysore Jails thinking that they would be happy in company of one another. On the other hand it is a blessing in disguise to the congress agitation as the activities that were being done in only one place are divided and the agitation can work well in all the other places.

3. Krishnasastry of Muragamalla spoke a few sentences about Khadder.

4. Mr.S.Ramappa, Sreenivasapur spoke about the constitution of Mysore Representative Assembly and council and said that the resolutions passed by the majority in the Assembly will not ~~the~~ be considered by the Government while they do not get a majority in the Legislative council for the similar resolutions, as such the representatives sent by the people to the two houses have no voice at all, when the real meaning of the Government is that whatever the people represent to the Government should be carried out. He also said that people are highly indebted and are in starving condition whenever we go in the State. On account of the struggle put forth by the Congress people only Rs.1,30,000/-has been reduced in land revenue and it is not at all sufficient when the ~~ryots~~ in British India are paying to the extent of Rs.3/- per acre for land revenue.

6. T.Venkatarayappa said that for every taluk, a congress Committee with a leader is essential to achieve the objects just as we require a school for the education of children, that when a teacher is transferred, another man succeds him, that similarly if one leader goes out, another should take his place and that all people should become members of the congress.

7. V.C.Channaveerabhadrappa spoke that about 100 persons were enlisted both here and moffusil places as Congress members and he requested all the poeple to join congress.

N.B.:- Mr.K.Krishnasastry was elected as President while Messrs. (1)Krishnasetty(2)Venkatarayappa and(3)Chickkanna were elected as joint Secretaries and V.C.Channaveerabhadrappa was elected as treasurer for the local committee. Two tin cases were sent round the audiance and money was collected for congress funds. The meeting terminated at 8-15 P.M. and later Mr.Chengalarayareddi left for Vemgal in his car.

23-11-37. Sd.D.Siddaveeriah,
Police Inspector, Chintamani.

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This day 24-11-37 Messrs. K. Changalarayareddy, Lawyers K.Pattabiraman and T.Ramachar of Kolar, Subbaraya setty of Pathapalya, Marappareddi of Chakvelu, went at 8-30 A.M. Palyakere 4 miles from Chelur and opened a village congress committee, Mr.Changalarayereddi having addressed the villagers who had asdembled to the strength of 30. Gummareddi of Palyakere took prominent part in the arrangements of the lecture and formation of the committee.

President: Gummareddi.
Secretary: Annam Venkataramiya,
Treasurer: " Krishnappa.
Members Shankarappa, Hyderasab, Kariappa, Mariappa and B. Adenna.

The speech was as follows:-

"Congress is the premier duty of the Mysore State. We pay revenue, Railway and Education cesses and house tax to the Government but we have not got the faility of schools, hospitals, food and clothing. From the money we give, the Government has been spending rather squandering over the beautification of Mysore and other cities, making roads, lighting streets with electricity and for hospitals and schools there only. Therefore the congress people started agitation 2 or 3 months ago and now the Government have reduced the maximum rate of dry land tax to Rs.2-12-0. This is of absolutely no use to us. We are accustomed to drinking habits bringing on miseries on family and the Salem and Ananthapur District have made rules to put this down with a view to relieve the miseries of the poor. We must abstain from drinking. The Government has not created any facilities to the villagers and in villages, no lights, no schools, no hospitals. We must form small committees in each village with a president and through the committee, the congress must be approached to redress the grievances of villagers. To this end meetings must be held often. There is a necessity for a building for the State Congress. It is estimated that Rs.25,000/- are necessary for this. We must contribute towards this. If Amildars or any other officer visits villages and tell people that the Dewan has made a speech in the last assembly that much good has been done to public in the State and the Government is ever anxious to look to their interest, don't be led away by such words of officers. If the Officers dissuade you from becoming congress members, do not listen to them. Face them boldly and tell them your grievances and ask for redress. Messrs. K.T.Bhasyam and Thimmareddi are suffering at Bangalore on account of peoples' cause. I do not know when I will be caught. If I go away to jail, my friends here, pointing Messrs. Raman and others will take my place. If you listen to their advice, surely good will be result. All must work unanimously and must be prepared to go to jail".

Translated into English by me,
24-11-37. Sd.T.S.Chandrasekariah,P.I.Bagepalli.

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This afternoon at 2 P.M. Messrs. K.Changalarayareddi, K.P. Raman, T.Ramachar, Thollapalli Sadasivareddi, Palyakere Byrareddi (Brother of Gummareddi), Gorthapalli Sankarareddi, Pathapalya Subbarayasetti came to Bagepalli Musafirkhana. A meeting was convened and about 100 people joined. Prominent Bagepalli Townsmen were Kandur Rajappa, Lakshmiya, Venkatappa, Rajanna, Babajan and Pya~~r~~ Sab.

Mr.Changalarayareddi addressed the audience in the following terms.

"The Ryots miseries are untold. The Maharajah is there on account of the ryots. But attention is paid only to Bangalore and Mysore neglecting villages. Citizens there, are happy over the lights and roads. But villagers are suffering for lack of food and clothing. Land tax and other worries are very many for the ryots. Land tax and other worries are very many for the ryots. Coercive measures are adopted, if tax is not paid, Suppose all people, protest and stand up like myself as a congressites, how many -- persons can the Government put into jail?. Ket them! Let us have ground or earth as home and sky roofing!!

Drink evil must be put down as this habit brings on -- miseries even on the families of drunkards. All must join the congress. I will come back again within a fortnight but if I cannot, you people must come forward and foster the Congress.

Rajanna thanked Mr.Changalarayareddi and cried Vande Matharam. The meeting disposed by 2-30 P.M. The party went to Gudibanda.

Translated by me.

Sd.T.S.Chandrasekhariya,
Inspector. 24-11-37

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Messrs. K.Changalarayareddi, K.P.Raman, T.Ramachar, Sadasivareddi, Marapparedi came to Pathapalya at 12-10 noon on 24-11-1937 and a meeting was convened by congress Secretary - Subbarayasetty. About 100 persons had gathered. Mr.Subbarayasetty introdduced Mr.Changalrayareddi to the audience. Mr.Changalarayareddi spoke as follows:-

"The local congress secretary Mr.Subrayasetti has enlightened the people here about the congress aims and I need not add much. "State People does not mean only citizens of Bangalore Cities. There are thousands of villages like Pathapalya in the State and all are Mysoreans. Of the realisations by the Government the peoples' contribution, in the form of land taxes and cesses forms the major part. But the people in the rural parts derive no benefit out of this rate paying. In rural parts, facilities for education, hospitals roads etc., are badly wanting. Compared to the land tax cesses the border in Ananthapur and Chittoor districts, you pay very heavily. There the land tax is so low in some instances as 0-2-0 per year but here per capita income itself does not come up to 0-2-0. The pay of Government Servants is very high. There is absolutely no way to get this reduced and land tax too. In Madras the Congress Government has reduced the salary. Messrs. K.T.Bhasyam, and Thimmareddi who urged these things are jailed for sedition. It is unjust to have held that such representation constituted sedition.

Drink evil must be stopped. It is stopped at Salem and will be stopped in Ananthapur and Chittoor by Congress Govt.

It is but their duty to express their grievances, for the ryots, before Government. Government must spend our money in the right direction and give us responsible Government. When the grown up sons in a family give advice, does it amount to sedition; Is it not the same analogy to the State; For doing so, some are jailed. Since I am disseminating this, Government may take action against me also. Congress is our parent, it is our milch cow, it is like Srirama's sankalpa (Determination) congress binds every one, whether Government

servant or privates and even the Maharajah. It is no instituted for malice or jealousy. It is the principle of "Ahimsa" that embodies it "ಶಿಶುವಿನ ಕೈ ಖಡ್ಗವಂತೆ" like Prahalada, you must have faith in one thing and idea to the last and perserve. "We do not hate Police nor do they hate us".

Even ladies have under taken congress propoganda. Thimmareddi's wife Annapurnamma has come forward at Goribidnur for propogandaistic work. The families of incarcarated political prisoners are shedding tears. These tears must move us. Under the circumstances, we cannot continue mute. All must put their faith in the congress and pray that the aims of the Congress should be realised. We pray three cheers to the Maharajah so that he may improve the conditions of us, villagers. We go now further on for this same work to Bagepalli and other places and take leave of you". Lecture closed by 12-40 P.M. The party went to Bagepally.

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nothing but these - so and so visited Mysore State as guests and so and so ~~went~~ went to Chamundi hills and Krishnarajasagara in aeroplane and so much as the expenditure incurred on their behalf. I ask him whether he had touched any point regarding the poor ryots? I had been to a villare containing about 7 to 8 hundred dwelling ~~houses~~, which ex-cept a very few, are unfit for human dwelling. Only reptiles can live in them. I am glad to see you in a better ~~X~~ clothes and I doubt whether you possess any better dress than this. 99% of our village folk are illiterate and Government are purposely keeping them in darkness. No schools are provided for them in the villages. Though our ryots are struggling for food and clothes, Government say that they are leading happy lives. We congress cry and shout for redress. You should all shout at a time, in one voice. Let our Maharaja take pity on us and give some relief to those who pay tax, land tax, house tax, education cess, road cess, railway cess and what not. Taxes are paid by the people out of their hard earned money - earned at the sweat of their brow shedding their blood from morning to evening, in the hot sun and bitter cold. I can boldly and deliberately say that majority of the revenue are collected from the villages. Hardly we get one-third of our State revenue - 3½ crores of rupees, from the cities and towns. Congress fight for your rights and liberties. What do you mean by rights and liberties? You pay kandayam to Government and you should have voice to ask Government to spend the money according to your wishes, and freedom of speech and freedom of press. In British India after congress accepting office, introduced certain reforms, which I will tell you later on. Our State is a very small State as said by Sundndamma, with a small revenue. Besides the average income of an individual is about Rs 0-1-7 per day. With this income, I can say that we are not in a position to pay Rs.5000 and 1000 to Government servants. Congress is a great organisation of the mass of India containing people of all ~~xx~~ classes, creeds, kinds and communities, founded

At this stage Amildar requested the President to allow persons to address the meeting regarding the present administration etc.

Mr. Chengalaraya Reddi got up and spoke in Kannada to the following effect:-

"On behalf of Government and in the interest of Amildar, I request Amildar not to address this meeting, which is purely a political meeting. According to the Rules of the Government servants conduct Regulation, no Government servant should address or attend political meetings. I warn him strictly. If he violates, he will be dealt with severely by Government and he will be put to gallows. Let him arrange for a meeting and advise the ryots. I am going to say what he intends saying. Perhaps the report of Dewan, which is circulated in all villages and schools. (Audience shouted shame, shame and sit down). Brothers and sisters. Do not loose your temper and keep shanti. We have no objection to allow persons talk for or against congress or Government in this meeting. But we have to adhere to our own rules. We are struggling for Dharma and Satya, and we are not at all afraid of anybody talking anything. Even if any body talk for Government I am authorised to pass remarks on it.

I am immensely pleased to see such a large gathering in Goribidnur. I think that this would record gathering in Goribidnur. Some ask me where is India and where is Mysore State? I can tell them that they can see Mysore State in this assembly, in a better way. I wish Sir Mirza Ismail, Dewan of Mysore, to be present here today to see the gathering, their conditions and their enthusiasm and zeal towards congress. He ought to have visited to-day instead of 15th. There are about 16 to 17 thousand villages in Mysore State and the people in villages lead a miserable life. I have to shed tears of sorrow when I saw their said plight. Perhaps Amildar was instructed by the Dewan to read his report for the information of the public. I will say that report contains

them and to trouble them. I ask you and our Maharaja whether they committed any sedition? It is the duty of our Maharaja to rectify if they had committed anything. We are the sons of His Highness and we love him with parental love. We are loyal citizens of His Highness, who love his subjects and pray for their welfare, we place before him our grievances - we say that we want some responsibility in the administration, which if given, I can assure him that we would certainly work for the progress of our State, and bring laurels not only to His Highness, but also to the subjects, by establishing responsible Government under the aegis of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore. Where is the sedition, if I say that there is poverty in our country and to introduce prohibition? I am prepared to follow my friends. My brothers, please do some service to humanity, to your mother country and do not afraid of your obstacles. You will reap the consequences very soon. For our service, we are called agitators, street wanderers etc., I do not know the exact term which we should apply to Mahathama Gandhi, who started no-tax campaign and civil disobedience movement. When lakhs and thousands of people admit the action of congress to be correct one, is there any sense in applying terms like agitators etc, to congress members? Government are satisfied with the certificate given by Mahatma Gandhi and perhaps feeling proud of it. He is a cunning old man. I can understand his ideas better. He will change his opinion if he personally visits our places and looks at the poor conditions of the ryots. Let not Government trust him. I also wrote a letter inviting him to our State. He will visit our State after recouping his health and he will bring our Maharaja round. Let us pray to God to give him long life, strength and vigour. In 1909, during the Boer War in South Africa and in 1914 in Great War against Germany, Mahatma Gandhi helped British with men and money. He was the staunch supporter of British. As soon as

about 50 years ago. Great persons like Balagangadhara Tilak C.R.Dass, Lalalajaput Rai, Mahathma Gandi and Jawarlal Nehru, sacrificed their health and wealth for the congress. Through their sincere and earnest efforts, congress came to such a prominent position today and administering seven provinces in British India. Whereas in our State, congressites are called mischief mongers, agitators and discontented persons by the Government. If we talk more, they say that we are trying to overthrow the Government and take action for sedition and we are asked to furnish surety and security to keep peace. Government said that they would not interfere with the ordinary activities of the congress in Mysore State. Why? To find a sale to Badanwal Khaddi, manufactured in our State. I am touring Kolar District on propaganda work. My brothers, do you know why our friends Bhashyam, Thimma Reddy, Siddalingiah, Seetharama Sastri and Tagadur Ramachandra Rao were arrested and sent to Jail? Because they worked for congress by propagating its ideals, and thereby attempted to reduce the burden of the ryots.- reduce the kandayam and indebtedness of the ryots. This is the agitation, for which they suffer imprisonment for 18 months and one year respectively. Are they justified in arresting them? Where is the Satya and where is the Dharma? Our Rajagopalachari introduced prohibition scheme in Salem District from 1st October and removed all the toddy and arrack shops from that District. People are happy - men women and children pray to God to give Rajagopalachari long life. They are grateful for his charity and dharma and love him immensely. If we raise that topic here, we will be committing sedition. Brothers I ask you to think for a while and let me know whether you find any wrong in this matter. If we request Dewan saheb to take only Rs.500 instead of Rs.5000, we are called agitators, mischievous elements, and discontented persons. Our friends who were in Bangalore jail all these days were sent to different places. Perhaps to teas

he understood the policy of the British Government and the treatment given to Indians, he changed his views and started Sathyagraha and no-tax campaign. He desires to introduce some reforms in education and wish that no Government officer be paid more than Rs.75/-. Our Government must yield if he interferes in our State affairs. He will bring about some amicable settlement.

People of Kolar District, say that Changalaraya Reddy was the President of the District Board for the last ten years and did some service to the peoole. As District Board President, I could not satisfy the needs of my subjects for want of funds. I have to desappoint you. Persons like Rajanna and Sampangiramiah ~~wite~~ write to me for some funds to improve roads, wells etc. I cannot help, because my hands are fettered. I was feeling for this from a very long time and thought that I could not get freedom for the people even if I were to work 100 years more.

We pay about 25 lakhs of rupees to British Government as a tribute. Our Dewan Sir Mirza Ismail is agitating for its remission from the last so many years. For want of support from the people, he could not succeed in his attempts. Though I am not an astrologer, please take it from me that we congress would succeed in getting the remission of 25 lakhs very soon provided you all give your kind support to congress. The amount got/thereby will be utilised for the improvement of the State and its subjects. Kandayam will be reduced to a greater extent and indebtedness of the ryots will be rooted out. I am going to put some questions. Please take some time think deeply and give me your answers. Government have sent some of our leaders to jail. Are they justified in their action and are the Government following Sathya and Dharma? If the answer is in the positive, hold up your hands. (No response). Our congress leaders worked for the benefit of

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ryots. If you think that congress is working for Sathya and dharma and justified in their propaganda work, hold on your hands, (majority lifted their hands up shouting Gandhi-ki-jai). There are some Government servants also in this assembly and they also did not agree with the Government and they acknowledge their wrong. Government servants are helpless, and their hands tied up and their mouth sealed. Their position is too delicate. They have to side Government because they eat the salt of Government. They are bound by their duty to do certain things. They are born and brought up in our country and some are our own kith and kin. They function their duties. Do not hate them; do not blame them, and do not wreak vengeance upon them. They are our brothers. Let him be anybody - Police, Amildar S.D.O. or D.C. or Dewan. Stick to non-violence. If you adopt violence, you will be called black sheeps of congress. Police might use their force; but you should not retaliate. Have patience and tolerance. Do not bring discredit to congress. All people Hindus, Muslims, Christians and Harijans, merchants and ryots and rich and poor would be benefited by the congress. The agitation of congress would certainly brig success and whole world would enjoy. The world is in chaotic condition. Japan fight aggressively against China and there is civil war in Spain and Italy fight against Absynia. We in India are far away from violence and we fight for freedom - Swarajya. Do not be cowardice and sit quite at home. Do what little you could for congress. There is God and you have to answer him. Pray Him to give you wisdom and courage. Wear Khaddar and support congress. Set apart some from your hard earned money, and help congress when required. God is testing us by giving so much of trouble. Do not be discouraged by your obstacles. Be prepared. Awake and Arise. Opportunity comes once in one's lifetime. It has come to your doors. Do not let go. If our agitation is true and reasonable, we would succeed. Prahalada

disobeyed his father for Satya and dharma and underwent ever so many difficulties and came out successful. Dharma and Satha would save your heads.

Mahatma Gandhi released from Jail about 1100 detenus in Bengal very recently. Mr. Batliwala was punished by the Madras Government for sedition and was sentence to undergo S.I. for six months, whereas our leaders were given severe punishment - R.I. for 18 months. Think that congress is your father and mother. Say congress, congress for thousand times (audience shouted congress, congress and congress). Le Government hear the voice and let them think that it is the voice of the thousands of ryots. When you pay kandayam, you ask Government to redress your grievances. There are congress leaders in each District, and the people of that District back their leaders and support them. I served you as District Board President and I love you and I am sure you are faithful to me and love me in turn immensely. I know you act according to my wishes. Let God Forbid. I may not visit you again. e. I may not be in a position to go over to you by some unavoidabl circumstances - owing to ill-health or other circumstances. I ask you this question. I know you love me and will you kindly go over to the place where I would be? Go to Viduraswatha and pray God to give you wisdom, strength and courage to work for congress. Ladies like Annapurnamma and Sunandamma follow you and fight for your liberation. Our Maharaja visits Kolar on the 13th of next month and I request you all to go over to Kolar ~~and~~ to pay your allegiance and place before him your grievances and seek redress. Prepare to face War at this juncture. It is a critical juncture and a turning point. Bhagavadgita, Koran and Bible say that Satha and Dharma would win at last. Congress are not preaching for no-tax campaign nor ask you not to pay the taxes. On behalf of congress, I request you not to do so.

The meeting terminated at about 7.50 P.M. after

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national song -. Vandemataram and shouting of congress slogans.

Sd. N. Kannappa Mudaliar,
Stenographer, S.B.C.I.D.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.
29/11/57

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Proceedings of the public meeting held in Polliagar maidan, Chikballapur, on 25th November 1937.

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The meeting commenced at about 10.10 A.M. and about 600 persons attended the meeting. Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddi presided.

Mr. Chengalaraya Reddy spoke in Kannada to the following effect:-

"Brothers and friends :- I thank you all the kind opportunity given to me today to address you in Chikballapur. It is our duty to pray to God first. (National song was sung and the audience shouted - Gandhi-ki-jai etc.) According to my programme I ought to have been here at 9 O'clock. I could not keep up the time, because I was detained in Manchenahalli on my way. I may be pardoned for my late attendance. I see some students, officials and merchants in the gathering. I do not like to detain them longer. In Goribidnur about 7000 persons attended the meeting. I have delivered speeches in five places and I have to proceed to Malur and other places today. People of Chikballapur were fortunate enough to have Mahatma Gandhi on Nandi Hills for some time, when he had been here to recoup his health and perhaps they get some impetus from him. I cannot give you more impetus than him. At present Mahatma is also ill and I wish him to go over here and take some rest. I like to tell you briefly regarding Government administration and the - congress propaganda. In Mysore State there are various kinds of people from various places - merchants, ryots, rich, poor, coolies and labourers. Agriculturists form major portion of the population, live in 17,000 villages in the Mysore State. The major portion of the revenue of the Government is paid by them and not from those who live in towns and cities. In order to maintain their families ryots work in the hot sun from morning to evening and earn about Rs.0-1-7 per day, which is the average income of an individual. Kandayam should be fixed and collected according to the outcome of the ryots. The land revenue collected now were fixed long long ago and Government continue to

collect the same without realising the difficulties and income of the ryots. We ask Government for resettlement. Besides Kandayam, many other taxes are collected from the ryots - -- Education Cess, Railway cess, Road cess, House tax, Registration fees and court fees etc. Who pay these taxes? It is the poor ryots who feel very difficult to pay these taxes. - Why they should struggle. Because the advantage they derive from the Government is less in proportion to the taxes paid by them. Practically they get no help from Government. This is the real situation and hence people began to agitate. ~~This is the real situation and hence~~ Congress work to find out ways and means to redress the grievances of the ryots. We can very well see the poverty of our country in the faces and eyes of the poor ryots. Mahatma Gandhi was agitating for the introduction of the prohibition scheme in India and succeeded in his object by introducting the same in Salem District. To save the poor drunkards and their families we pray our Government to introduce the scheme in Mysore State. Two or three annas earned by a poor cooly after a days' labour are snatched away in the toddy and arrack shops on his way home, and make their wives and children to starve. Education of our country should be improved very much. The standard of education is far below and there are about 90% illiterates in our country. Illiteracy should be rooted out of our -- country. In Chikballapur, I see some life in the faces of the people, but in villages, the faces are gloomy and lifeless and which is quite evident that people are poverty -- stricken. Poverty should be exploited from our country by the efforts of the Government. When the ryots are in deplorable condition, why Government servants should be paid fat salaries? In British India, Congress ministers are taking only Rs.500/- and Mr. Rajagopalachari, Prime Minister of Madras also take only Rs.500/- -. They are taking less pay in order to help the ryots by reducing their kandayam. If the same thing is copied here also, we will save the trouble of the ryots by reducing the kandayam. Congress propose to introduce --

prohibition in all the seven provinces and Mr. Fazulul Hukh, Bengal Minister, also promised to introduce in Bengal Province. In Madras Province, they are going to extend the prohibition in Ananthapur and Chittoor Districts. How do they propose to compensate the loss of revenue. By effecting a cut in the salaries of the Government servants, who are paid fat pay. How the Congress Secretaries are taking only Rs.150/- per mensem and they are not working to earn money and hoard money in the banks. They work to serve humanity, and thereby lessen the burden of the ryots. Mysore is a very small state with a small revenue as said by Srimathi Sunandamma and not in a position to pay high salaries to Government servants. The pay of the Government servants should be cut down considerably, and especially at the top. Even Rs.500 is more and Rs.75 ~~xxxx~~x to Rs.150 similar to those paid public workers in foreign countries should be brought in here (claps from audience). Congress members are ruling in seven provinces in British India and they were elected by the public and to-day they stand on the support of the public. So let us open our eyes and awake. In the last meeting I earnestly appealed to the citizens by becoming members; but sorry to say that it was not properly responded. This is a rare opportunity. Opportunity comes once in a way. Avail and make best use of it. Be true and honest to your country and countrymen.

Our friends Messrs: Bhashyam and Thimma Reddy were charged for sedition and sentenced to undergo R.I. for 18 months. etc. and Messrs: Siddalingiah, Seetharama Sastri, and Tagadur Ramachandra Rao were asked to furnish surety and security to keep peace. They refused to furnish and they were sentenced to suffer simple imprisonment for one year. About a few days back they were sent to different jails from Bangalore Central jail, Mysore, Hassan and Shimoga. Perhaps to tease them. Just imagine the feelings of their family - wives and children, who weep day and night and shed tears. Let their tears move the heart of our Highness and let him show his mercy by exonerating them. My brothers, I ask you and Government whether our friends who are in Jail have done any seditious act? or is it sedition to ask Government to --

introduce prohibition scheme, to improve sanitation, medical aid and education in villages. Is there any justice? I will put a few questions. Please think well and answer. Hold up your hands if you think that the action of the congress members - Bhashyam and others, is just and reasonable and one - and the Government are not justified in taking action against them. (Majority of the audience lifted up their hands). I am here to safeguard your interest and you need not be afraid. Please come out with the truth. Hold up your hands if you - think that Government are justified in their action against Congress members and Congress members are not justified. (No response). In Goribidnur also people concur with your opinion Let us bring these to the kind notice of our Highness and His Government and let them judge well and take pity on us. When the public condemn the present system of administration of - Government and urge for responsible Government under the aegis of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, why we should not - change the system of administration and adopt some other form, ie., responsible Government. (audience shouted - hear, hear).

I have no time to narrate what happened in Hubli and Calcutta. Some of our people call us - agitators, discontended persons, and mischief mongers, and expressed that we congress members work to spoil the reputation and prestige of our State. I can say boldly and deliberately that we are working for the improvement of our country and we have got moreinterest ten times if not hundred times, more than those who uttered. On the other hand we are working to bring credit, honour, laurels to our State and to our Highness. Certainly we will succeed in our attempts and there is no doubt about it. We are ~~might~~ neither traitors nor comit any treacherous acts. We have got true love and loyalty towards our Highness and pay our allegience to him. The ryots pay kandayam to Government and they claim for certain rights and privileges. Congress work in the interests of the public to keep up Sathia and Dharma and one - should be prepared to sacrifice his life for the same. I need

not tell you much regarding the statement issued by Mahatamaji in Harijan Patrike in connection with the resolution passed by A.I.C.C. regarding the state of affairs in Mysore State. Perhaps Government feel proud of it. Let not Government misunderstand him. He is a cunning old man and I know him better. He would certainly change his views if he personally visits this place and examine the situation in detail. During Boer War in 1909 and Great War in 1914, Mahatma Gandhi helped British in kind and coin. He was a staunch supporter of Great Britain. He changed his views as soon as he found out the policy of Great Britain and began to work against them by starting civil disobedience movement and Sathyagraha movement. Similarly he might change his views now. I have invited him on your behalf and I expect him to be amidst us shorty to recoup his health and to investigate the administration of the Government. If he interferes, he would succeed in bringing about some amicable settlement. Let us pray for his long life. Some people are under misconception of fact that we are working to overthrow the Government. Let them not think like this. My friends are in Jail, but I am free. By grace of God or by blessings of people of Kolar District, I was the President of the District Board for the last ten years and today I have to take up this propaganda work to help the ryots. I could not help you and satisfy as a District Board President, because my hands were fettered. Why Sir Mirza Ismail, should not be called as an agitator, when he agitates for the remission of 25 laks of rupees. He is trying in futile for the last so many years. He has no support from the public. If we, congress were to try with the support of the public, I can assure you that we will succeed in getting the remission within a very short period. If we succeed, we would utilise the same for the benefit of the subjects of the State, and our Highness would be much pleased. Let us please our Highness. Let us pray to God to give us wisdom to understand the motive of the congress. Prahalada underwent many difficulties by disobeying his father for the sake of Sathia and Dharma. Just as Hindus say "Hari Hari", Muslems "Alla" and

Christians "Jesus Christ", I request you to utter the word congress for thousand times. If you utter these words daily and understand its motives, I am sure you will succeed in your objective. Our Representative Assembly is only a debating society without any power, and the speech delivered in R.A. by our Dewan Sir Mizra Ismail is being distributed in all the villages and schools. What does his speech say? It says that so and so were invited as State Guests, so and so went to Brindawan and Chamundi hills and so much was the expenditure incurred on behhalf of them. Not even a sentence regarding the reduction of kandayam, or improvement of education or sanitation, was included in the speech. Let our Highness hear the voices of the subjects and let him not think that only Changalaraya Reddy is crying.

If you want success, do not hate others and treat Harijan as your brothers. Give them some liberties in your villages. They work with us and move with us, and they are human beings like us. You should strictly adhere to the principles of the congress - Ahimsa, Dharma and Shanti. Our Dewan Deputy Commissioner and Police are functioning their duties and so you should not hate them. Do not retaliate if Police uses force. Our success depends upon the tolerance. I know you love me immensely and also I love you. Let God forbid. I may not visit you again. I may not be in a position to go over to you by some unavoidable circumstances - owing to ill-health or other circumstances and if that be the case, will you kindly go over to the place where I would be? I visit your place and deliver speeches as long as I am free. I do not know whether it is by the grace of God, or Government, or by the blessings of you all, I am free to-day. World is mortal and so try to do something which is immortal. Sacrifice your health and wealth for the sake of your country and achieve freedom.

Very recently Government issued an order regarding the reduction of kandayam from Rs.3-8-0 to Rs.2-12-0 per acre.

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This is one of the effects of the congress activities. It is the result of the work of our friends - Bhashyam, Siddalingiah and others. Government would not have done it but for congress agitation. We are the sons of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, and urge to give us some responsibility. Let him give the responsibility and watch our progress. I can assure him that there would be much improvement in the State. I request my brothers here to enrol as congress members, wear khadder and work for - congress. Success is ours if you all cooperate and give your kind support. Pray to God to give you wisdom to work for congress".

Mr. Sampangiramiah proposed vote of thanks to Mr. K. Changalaraya Reddy and the meeting terminated at about 11.10 A.M. after congress slogans.

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Proceedings of the District Board meeting held in Viduraswatha Goribidnur Taluk on 27th October 1937.

About 30 members (officials and non-officials) of the Kolar District Board attended the meeting. Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddy of Kolar presided. About 20 persons (non-members) were also present. The meeting commenced at about 8.30 A.M.

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Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddy addressed the gathering in Kannada to the following effect:-

"Gentlemen and Hon'ble members: I am glad to meet you all today. I think all of you might have read in the newspapers or heard regarding the arrest of Mr. K. T. Bhashyam on the 16th of this month during the Sessions of the Representative Assembly in Mysore. When he was arrested I was asked to take his place as President of the Mysore Congress Board and to look after the congress work. After assuming this responsible position everyone expected that Changalaraya Reddi also would be arrested. In fact I expected my arrest every day and at every moment. Who knows when I will be arrested? I may be arrested even at this moment. Fortunately by the grace of God or Government or by the blessings of my members here I was not arrested till now. Hence I was able to attend and conduct the deliberations of to-days' meeting. Now I have to look after the work of the District Board also inspite of my multifarious engagements. Since that day I have no peace of mind and I was doubtful whether I could be able to attend the meeting on the 27th instant. I pray and thank God for the kind opportunity that He had given me today to preside over the meeting for which I feel glad. I am not afraid and am prepared for anything and everything. I request my hon'ble members here to permit me to proceed with the deliberations of today's meeting. Sub Division Officer had sent an information that he could not attend the meeting which we will place it on record.

The President proceeded with the deliberations of the meeting according to the agenda of the meeting. During the course of the discussions Mr. Girimaji Rao (District Board Member, Kolar) reques the President to narrate regarding the conference of the members

of the Local Self Government held at Mysore during Dasara.

Mr. Chengalaraya Reddy said that the Conference was very successful under the Presidentship of Mr. Nariman, who advised the members to obtain more power and responsibility from Government, not to have more nominated members and to have non-official President in the local Self Governing bodies. Mr. Reddy requested members to act according to the advise of Mr. Nariman and to know the resolutions passed in the conference through the newspapers.

The deliberations of the meeting was adjourned at about 1:30 P.M.

Then the meeting reassembled at 3 P.M.

Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddi in his concluding speech said in Kannada to the following effect:-

"Gentlemen and friends: As I told you this morning I great anxiety whether I could be able to attend today's meeting. By grace of God or Government or by the blessings of my members here I had a chance to attend and to preside over to-day's deliberations. Everyone knows the state of affairs of the Government. I had to shoulder a more responsible work entrusted to me. I am doubtful whether I could be able to undertake the work of the District Board also along with that work. If I were to function the duties of both President of the District Board and President of the Congress Board. I can say that I may not be able to do the work of the District Board efficiently and satisfactorily.

I request my friends here to let me know which of the work that I have to undertake now? My earnest opinion is that I have to pay more attention for the better and more important work. service to humanity. For the last five years we as member of the District Board are working for the improvement of education, -- sanitation and better medical aid in the rural areas. Whenever a ryot approach us with his grievances, we send him back saying that there is no fund etc. I really sympathise with their poor conditions and difficulties. If we want to show our real sympathy to them try to give them some relief We have to carry on our agitation just as in British India under the aegis of Congress and try to establish that Government. - real responsible Government, Gandhiraj,

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Swaraj and Ramaraj under the rule of our Highness Sri Krishnaraja Wadeyar Bahadur. Whatever be our difficulties we should come forward with the determination. I think you will have no objection to spare my services to the better work. I cannot say when I will resign this job. Indeed I thought of resigning within the end of this month, but I wanted to conduct the deliberation of this meeting and to place before Government our requirements. I may voluntarily resign or I may be asked to resign by the Government for my political activities: 99% I may resign within a very short period, or I may be arrested. Please be prepared to carry on the work of the District Board as usual among yourselves. Do not misunderstand me in this respect. I pray to God to give you strength and vigour to carry on the work. During my regime of five years, I might have used some harsh words and behaved rudely in the interest of the education of my duties. I beg your pardon and to excuse my short comings if there be any. I thank you all members of the Board and the members of my office staff for the kind help and co-operation that you have rendered me all these years to perform my duties satisfactorily and efficiently. I request you once again to give more attention for the improvement of rural areas and give your kind support and encourage the cause for which I am standing for.

Mr. Girimaji Rao thanked Mr. Changalaraya Reddi for his valuable services as District Board President.

The meeting terminated at about 5 P.M.

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